

**Question for written answer E-006461/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Consultation on the setting of TACs and report on implementation of the landing obligation

Regulation (EU) No 2015/812 requires the Commission to submit an annual report on implementation of the landing obligation. The report must set out:

- steps taken by Member States regarding control of compliance with the landing obligation;
- information on the socioeconomic impact of the landing obligation;
- information on the effect of the landing obligation on safety on board fishing vessels;
- information on the use and outlets of catches below the minimum conservation reference size of a species subject to the landing obligation;
- information on port infrastructures and of vessels' fitting with regard to the landing obligation;
- for each fishery concerned, information on the difficulties encountered in the implementation of the landing obligation and recommendations to address them.

The Commission consultation report does not include any statistics, which it makes it difficult for the co-legislator to assess its findings. Can the Commission please specify what the outlets are for unintended catches of marine organisms in the various fisheries? What currently happens to these catches on local markets?